

The table below identifies standards from The Joint Commission and Joint Commission International relevant to the control of central line–associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI). These requirements, although used for accreditation, are helpful to all organizations seeking to improve their infection control programs. Please refer to the appropriate manual for full text of the requirements.

Review of Joint Commission and Joint Commission International Requirements That Address the Prevention and Control of CLABSI		
Requirement	Joint Commission Requirement	Joint Commission International Requirement
<i>Infection Control</i>		
The hospital assigns responsibility for the daily management of infection prevention and control activities.	IC.01.01.01 HR.01.02.01, EP 1 LD.03.06.01, EP 3	PCI.1 PCI.1, ME 1 PCI.2 PCI.2, ME 1
Leaders allocate needed resources for infection prevention and control.	IC.01.02.01	PCI.4 PCI.4, ME 1 PCI.4, ME 2 PCI.4, ME 3 GLD.1.3, ME 2 SQE.8.2
Staff members are educated periodically in response to significant trends in infection data.	HR.01.04.01, EP 4 HR.01.05.03, EP 5 MS.05.01.01, EP 11	PCI.11, ME 5 SQE.1, ME 2 SQE.3, ME 2
There is a comprehensive plan.	IC.01.05.01	PCI.5, ME 1 PCI.11, ME 1
<i>Hand Hygiene</i>		
Comply with current Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) or World Health Organization (WHO) hand hygiene guidelines.	NPSG 07.01.01 NPSG 07.04.01, EP 7	PCI.9, ME 5 IPSG.5, ME 1
Implement a hand hygiene program.	NPSG.07.01.01, EP 1	IPSG.5 – based on currently published or generally accepted guidelines IPSG.5, ME 1 IPSG.5, ME 2 PCI.3 PCI.3, ME 1 PCI.3, ME 2 PCI.3, ME 3 PCI.3, ME 4 PCI.9, ME 3 PCI.9, ME 4 PCI.9, ME 5
Set goals for improving compliance.	NPSG.07.01.01, EP 2	PCI.6, ME 1
Develop policies and procedures that support continued reduction of health care-associated infections.	IC.01.01.01, EP 4	IPSG.5, ME 3
Improve compliance.	NPSG.07.01.01, EP 3 IC.02.01.01, EP 8	

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CLABSI		
Implement evidence-based practices to prevent CLABSI.	NPSG.07.04.01 IC.01.04.01	PCI.3 PCI.3, ME 1 PCI.3, ME 2 PCI.3, ME 3 PCI.3, ME 4 PCI.5 QPS.2.1, ME 3
Educate staff and licensed independent practitioners about CLABSI prevention.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 1 IC.02.01.01, EP 7 HR.01.04.01, EP 4 HR.01.05.03, EP 5 MS.05.01.01, EP 11	PCI.11 PCI.11, ME 2 PCI.11, ME 4 SQE.1, ME 2
Education occurs upon hire and annually thereafter.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 1 HR.01.04.01, EP 4 HR.01.05.03, EP 5 MS.05.01.01, EP 11	PCI.7, ME 2 SQE.3, ME 2
Educate patients and families about CLABSI prevention.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 2 HR.01.04.01, EP 4 HR.01.05.03, EP 5 MS.05.01.01, EP 11 PC.02.03.01, EP 1 RI.01.01.03, EP 1 RI.01.01.03, EP 2 RI.01.01.03, EP 3	PCI.7, ME 2 PCI.11, ME 3 PFE.3, ME 1 PFE.4, ME 1 PFE.4, ME 2
Implement evidence-based policies and practices aimed at reducing CLABSI.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 3 IC.01.04.01 IC.01.01.01, EP 4	PCI.3 PCI.3, ME 1 PCI.3, ME 2 PCI.3, ME 3 PCI.3, ME 4 PCI.5 QPS.2.1, ME 3
Conduct periodic risk assessments.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 4 IC.01.03.01 PI.01.01.01, EP 1 PI.01.01.01, EP 2	PCI.6, ME 1 PCI.6, ME 2 PCI.6, ME 3 PCI.6, ME 4 QPS.4 QPS.7 SQE.11, ME 1 SQE.14, ME 2 MCI.20
Conduct hospital-wide surveillance.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 4 IC.01.05.01 IC.02.01.01	PCI.5, ME 3

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Provide data and outcomes to stakeholders including leaders, licensed independent practitioners, nursing staff, and other clinicians.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 5 IC.01.01.01, EP 4 IC.01.05.01, EP 7 PI.02.01.01, EP 1 PI.02.01.01, EP 2 PI.02.01.01, EP 3 PI.02.01.01, EP 4 PI.02.01.01, EP 5	PCI.7, ME 2 QPS.4, ME 4 SQE.8, ME 2
Use a catheter checklist and standardized protocol for insertion.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 6	PCI.7, ME 2
Avoid the femoral vein in adult patients.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 8	PCI.7, ME 2
Use standardized insertion supply carts or kits.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 9	PCI.7, ME 2
Use a standardized protocol for sterile barrier precautions during insertion.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 10	PCI.7, ME 2
Use an antiseptic cited as appropriate in the literature for skin preparation during insertion.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 11	PCI.7, ME 2
Use a standardized protocol to disinfect catheter hubs and injection ports before access.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 12	PCI.7, ME 2
Evaluate all central venous catheters routinely.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 13	PCI.7, ME 2
Remove nonessential central venous catheters.	NPSG.07.04.01, EP 14	PCI.7, ME 2

CLABSI = central line–associated bloodstream infection; EP = Element of Performance;
ME = Measurable Element

Sources: The Joint Commission. *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals*. Oak Brook, IL: Joint Commission Resources, 2013. Joint Commission International (JCI). *Joint Commission International Accreditation Standards for Hospitals*, 4th ed. (expanded). Oakbrook Terrace, IL: JCI, 2012.